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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.2)

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International application No. PCT/US00/14565	Applicant's or agent's file reference 54928PCT2A
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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:02 February 2001 (02.02.01)☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:2. The election ☒ was☐ was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 54928PCT2A	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US 00/ 14565	International filing date (day/month/year) 25/05/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 06/07/1999
Applicant 3M INNOVATIVE PROPERTIES COMPANY et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 2 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :
- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of Invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

- ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- ☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

- ☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- ☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

- ☒ as suggested by the applicant.
- ☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- ☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

LINE 1 -...NOTE-PAD(1)
LINE 3 -...TOP FACE(10A,11A)...BOTTOM FACE(10B,11B)...EDGES(10C,11C)
LINE 5 -...TOP FACE(10A,11A)

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7. B42D5/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 B42D

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

WPI Data, EPO-Internal, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	WO 97 28008 A (LEDIBERG) 7 August 1997 (1997-08-07) page 2, line 18 -page 6, line 14; figures 1-4	1,10
A	FR 2 768 248 A (IMPRIMERIE GRAPHIC-RIVIERE) 12 March 1999 (1999-03-12) page 3, line 26 -page 6, line 8; figures 1,2	1,10



Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.



Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents :

"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance

"E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date

"L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)

"O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means

"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

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Date of the actual completion of the international search

11 September 2000

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20/09/2000

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Information on patent family members

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Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
WO 9728008 A	07-08-1997	IT MI960182 A AT 190562 T AU 6359096 A BR 9612504 A CA 2244950 A DE 69607214 D EP 0879151 A ES 2126539 T PL 328056 A	04-08-1997 15-04-2000 22-08-1997 28-12-1999 07-08-1997 20-04-2000 25-11-1998 01-04-1999 04-01-1999
FR 2768248 A	12-03-1999	NONE	

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 54928PCT2A	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/US00/14565	International filing date (day/month/year) 25/05/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 06/07/1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC B42D5/00		
Applicant 3M INNOVATIVE PROPERTIES COMPANY et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.



2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 02/02/2001	Date of completion of this report 06.08.2001
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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/US00/14565

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17))*):

Description, pages:

1-35 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-11 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/2-2/2 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:

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☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims 1-11
	No: Claims
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims 1-11
	No: Claims
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims 1-11
	No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
see separate sheet

Re Item V:

A note-pad comprising a plurality of sheets of paper and a base sheet, each of said plurality of sheets of paper and the base sheet having a top face, a bottom face and side edges, the plurality of sheets and the base sheet being adhered to each other, the top face of each of said plurality of sheets of paper being writable and the bottom face of said base sheet having a non-slip surface is well known from the prior art (e.g. from WO-A-97/28008).

A note pad according to claim 1 of the present application differs from the prior art in that the bottom face of said base sheet bears an exposed skid-resistant layer having a thickness of less than 100 μm , a static coefficient of friction of at least 1 as measured according to DIN 53.375-B on a stainless steel surface using a static friction weight of 200 g, and a 90° peel adhesion on a stainless steel surface of less than 0.1 N/1.27 cm as measured according to FINAT Test Method no. 2.

A note pad according to claim 1 of the present application is therefore new.

The problem to be solved is to provide a note pad which is skid-resistant while a note is taken so that lateral sliding of the note-pad is impeded during writing but which can be easily moved across the surface supporting the note-pad when no pressure is exerted onto the note-pad by, for example, a writing instrument. Further, said note pad is easy to handle, and exhibits a simple construction comprising no components which are designed for being re-used.

A note pad according to claim 1 of the present application in order to solve said problem is not suggested in the prior art and involves therefore an inventive step.

Accordingly also a method according to claim 10 of the present application is new and involves an inventive step.

Re Item VII:

The unit "mil" is used in the description (p.14, l.9). It is noted that said unit of measure is not additionally expressed in terms of the units stipulated by Rule 10.1 (a) PCT. Further, the unit "micron" used in the examples and in table 1 is not additionally expressed as " μm ".

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EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

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Re Item VIII:

The following typing errors were noted:

Claim 6 should probably read "according to any of claims 1-5" instead of "claims 1-4".

Claim 6 should probably read "comprises one or more" instead of "one ore more".

Both claims 7 and 8 should probably read "according to claim 6" instead of "claim 5".

Page 23, line 29 should probably read "vinyl" instead of "vainyl".

Page 32, line 24 should probably read "copolymer" instead of "copolyer".